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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2, 3, 38 and 56 are amended. Claims 1-56 are pending and under consideration.

The Action indicates the present application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. (Action at page 2).

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Action objects to claims 2, 3, 38, and 56 for formal matters. (Action at page 2). Claims 2, 3, 38, and 56 are amended as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is presented and approval and entry of the foregoing claim amendments are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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